September 21, 2018

## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING (ECFS)**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>Ex Parte Presentation</u>

MB Docket 17-105 Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative
MB Docket 18-202 Children's Television Programming Rules

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *ex parte* rules (47 C.F.R. §1.1206), notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 20, 2018, undersigned counsel, Jared Weaver and Ansley Erdel of the Alpine Group, and Dave Morgan, President and CEO, and Bryan Curb, Chief Creative Officer of Litton Entertainment ("Litton"), met with Alison Nemeth and Lauren Huston of Chairman Ajit Pai's office to discuss the FCC's regulations under the Children's Television Act (CTA) and the pending NPRM referenced above.

Litton discussed its experience as a producer of over 3,300 episodes of original educational and informational programming for television stations over the past 30 years, how the market for E/I programming developed after 1990, and the economics of producing high quality E/I content in a very competitive environment.

Litton discussed how moving E/I programming to a multicast stream would destroy the production of new E/I programming because multicast viewership drops over 95 percent from a station's main channel, with a concomitant drop of advertising revenues of over 95 percent. All that will be left of E/I programming in a multicast world will be reruns of already produced programming. The STEM programming offered to teens and their parents will be frozen in time.

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Please contact this office directly with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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